



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 680**

*January Session, 2011*

Substitute House Bill No. 6605

*House of Representatives, May 2, 2011*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. FOX, G. of the 146th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ATTORNEYS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Not later than January 1,  
2       2012, the Judicial Branch shall amend the form for annual attorney  
3       registrations required pursuant to the rules of practice of the Superior  
4       Court to permit attorneys to indicate on such form whether they  
5       maintain the professional liability insurance described in subdivision  
6       (3) of subsection (b) of section 38a-393 of the general statutes. On and  
7       after January 1, 2012, each attorney admitted by the Superior Court in  
8       accordance with section 51-80 of the general statutes shall indicate on  
9       any annual attorney registration form that the attorney is required to  
10      submit to the Judicial Branch pursuant to such rules of practice  
11      whether such attorney maintains such professional liability insurance.  
12      On and after May 1, 2012, the Judicial Branch shall indicate on its  
13      Internet web site the insurance status of each attorney that has  
14      submitted such form. The Judicial Branch shall update such

15 information annually.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Judicial Branch, by January 1, 2012, to amend the annual attorney registration form in order to allow attorneys to indicate whether they maintain professional liability insurance or not. The bill also requires the Judicial Branch to indicate on its website the insurance status of attorneys. It is anticipated that the agency can accommodate these changes at no additional cost.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6605**

***AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE  
FOR ATTORNEYS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Judicial Branch to change its annual attorney registration form to allow attorneys to indicate on the form whether they maintain professional liability insurance. The Judicial Branch must do so by January 1, 2012, and attorneys must begin providing the information on and after this date.

The bill also requires the Judicial Branch, on and after May 1, 2012, to indicate on its website, and update annually, the insurance status of attorneys who have submitted their registration forms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 45      Nay 0      (04/15/2011)